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SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO FOURTH OF JULY MESSAGE TO THE
PRESIDENT FROM PRESIDENT FORD

1. FYI: PRESIDENT FORD HAS RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING
MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT MOBUTU BY DIPLOMATIC NOTE
DATED JULY 3. QUOTE TO: HIS EXCELLENCY, GERALD FORD,
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. MR. PRESIDENT:
THE CELEBRATION OF THE BICENTENNIAL OF YOUR COUNTRY'S
INDEPENDENCE PROVIDES THE MEN AND WOMEN OF THE PEOPLE'S
REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT THE OCCASION TO JOIN WITH ME IN
CONVEYING TO YOUR EXCELLENCY AS WELL AS TO THE FRIENDLY
PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA OUR SINCERE AND
WARM CONGRATULATIONS. THIS PROPITIOUS EVENT PERMITS
US TO EXPRESS TO YOU OUR BEST WISHES FOR YOUR PERSONAL
HAPPINESS AND FOR THE PROSPERITY OF YOUR GREAT AND
BEAUTIFUL COUNTRY. WE HOPE THAT THE GOOD RELATIONS OF
FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION WHICH EXIST SO HAPPILY
BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES WILL BE STRENGTHENED EVEN
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FURTHER FOR THE GREATEST GOOD OF OUR PEOPLES. VERY HIGH

CONSIDERATION. LIEUTENANT GENERAL MOBUTU SESE SEKO, KUKU NGBENDU WA ZA BANGA, PRESIDENT-FOUNDER OF THE PEOPLE'S REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT AND PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF ZAIRE. UNQUOTE.

2. THE FOLLOWING RESPONSE FROM PRESIDENT FORD SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO PRESIDENT MOBUTU: QUOTE: YOUR EXCELLENCY: ON BEHALF OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, MRS. FORD AND I THANK YOU FOR YOUR MOST WELCOME MESSAGE OF GOOD WISHES ON THE COMMEMORATION OF THE 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF OUR NATION'S INDEPENDENCE.

AS WE ENTER OUR THIRD CENTURY, THE UNITED STATES REDEDICATES ITSELF IN WORD AND DEED TO THE PRINCIPLES OF LIBERTY, EQUALITY AND INDIVIDUAL DIGNITY. WE DO SO WITH THE ANTICIPATION AND CONFIDENCE THAT RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES WILL CONTINUE TO FLOURISH SINCERELY, GERALD R. FORD. UNQUOTE.

3. NO RELEASE INTENDED, BUT NO OBJECTION IF RECIPIENT WISHES TO DO SO. KISSINGER

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